

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING DANIEL FLYNN FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Daniel Flynn of Belgrade, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Flynn has served in the United States Army for over 15 years. In that time, he has earned a total of 12 medals and awards including the Bronze Star and Joint Service Commendation Medal, attaining the rank of Chief Warrant Officer III.

In his service to both his country and the state of Montana Mr. Flynn has completed three tours of duty in the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Freedom's Sentinel. During his tours, he travelled thousands of miles where he routinely put himself in danger to protect others. Today, we honor and thank Mr. Flynn for his bravery.

In the community Mr. Flynn has even helped the police apprehend a shoplifter. He is a father of two and his family is proud of his commitment and sacrifice to our great country.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Daniel Flynn for his dedication and service.

HONORING REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN COLORADO

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, in honor of National Apprenticeship Week, I rise today to recognize the importance of Registered Apprenticeship Programs.

Since 1937, the Department of Labor's Registered Apprenticeship Program has been a model for recruiting and developing well-trained workers in highly-skilled occupations. Registered Apprenticeship Programs play a vital role in setting robust training, pay, and safety standards that are nationally recognized and credentialed.

Programs that are given the registered apprenticeship designation are subject to stringent requirements that mandate progressive wage increases, quality assurance assessments by the government, comprehensive safety training, and workplace rights protections. These standards and protections also include important equal opportunity measures and equity outcomes such as requiring targeted outreach to previously underserved pop-

ulations for recruitment into apprenticeship programs, diversifying the workforce and providing rewarding career opportunities for women, veterans, and people of color.

Furthermore, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the Colorado Building and Construction Trades Council, comprised of 24 craft local unions who belong to 14 national and international unions. These local unions make represent 30,000 skilled working men and women in the Colorado. The Building Trades Union has, and continues to, exemplify the gold standard of the Registered Apprenticeship system. Building Trades Registered Apprenticeship programs represent over two thirds of all the registered apprenticeships in the U.S. and, together with its contractor partners, invest over \$1.5 billion annually in a nationwide network of over 1,600 training centers.

The Building Trades' Apprenticeship Programs are proven alternatives to a four-year college degree and provide apprentices with opportunities to learn portable skills and receive a debt-free education while earning livable wages. I congratulate the Colorado Building and Construction Trades Council on their success and implore my colleagues to join me in protecting and expanding upon the DOL's Registered Apprenticeship Program.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Madam Speaker, on November 12, 2019, I missed roll call votes 610 and 611.

Had I been present for roll call 610, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4162, the GI Bill Planning Act of 2019, I would have voted "Yes."

Had I been present for roll call 611, on Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3224, the Deborah Sampson Act, I would have voted "Yes."

IN SUPPORT OF H. RES. 660, IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY RESOLUTION

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 660, a resolution establishing procedures for the House of Representatives Committees investigating President Donald John Trump to continue their ongoing impeachment inquiry.

No one is above the law, and the President must be held accountable for his actions. I first called for an impeachment inquiry in May, and

witnesses have revealed even more evidence of wrongdoing. The President withheld Congressionally appropriated foreign aid money while asking a foreign government to investigate a political rival, former Vice President Joe Biden and his family. Congressional committees, including the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Oversight and Reform Committee, and the Judiciary Committee, have been leading investigations into the President's actions, and the Administration has obstructed those investigations at every turn. My colleagues on the committees of jurisdiction have been diligently working to bring the truth to light. It is clear from the evidence already uncovered, along with the President's own remarks, that he has betrayed his oath to the Constitution and threatened our national security. The investigation must continue.

The resolution on the floor today outlines the procedures for the next phase of the impeachment investigation. The next phase of the inquiry will allow Oregonians and people across the country to witness the process designed by our Founding Fathers to uphold our values and maintain the checks and balances that are essential to a functioning democracy. Although we do not know the breadth of the evidence that the inquiry will uncover, it is clear that this is a grave time for our democracy. We must use all the tools at our disposal, including this impeachment inquiry, to uncover the full scope and significance of the President's actions.

RECOGNIZING PAULA CONTRERAS FOR BEING NAMED A THCA CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE OF THE YEAR

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Paula Contreras, a certified nurse aide from Richmond, Texas whose incredible work earned her the title of the Texas Health Care Association's (THCA) Certified Nurse Aide of the Year for Region 7.

Paula has been serving her community at Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation for two years, where she has worked diligently in her role as a certified nurse aide as well as a therapy technician.

She also helps train new certified nurse aides while sitting on the fall and safety committee and serves on the Cambridge Health and Rehabilitation's Quality Assurance Performance Improvement committee.

Paula's commitment to her role as a certified nurse aide garnered the admiration of her coworkers, who nominated her for the award.

Congratulations to Paula, on this immense achievement. She has made the 22nd Congressional District of Texas proud.

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RECOGNIZING JAMES GEIGER FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize James Geiger of Conrad, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Geiger was a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He served from 1942 to 1948 in the 303rd Bomb Group and 360th Squadron and earned the Air Medal with six oak leaf clusters along with Service Medals in the European, Asiatic and American theaters. Mr. Geiger attained the rank of First Lieutenant.

Mr. Geiger was a B-17 pilot during World War II. During one of his crew's missions, the navigator and turret gunner were wounded. During the chaos, Geiger turned the controls over to his co-pilot and went to give first aid to his crew. Mr. Geiger kept them from bleeding out and saved their lives. He is a true hero who went above and beyond the call of duty to serve his fellow man and country.

Mr. Geiger has served on the Church Council for the United Methodist Church, the Pondera Medical Center Hospital Board and is a member of the American Legion. He is a well-respected and adored member of his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending James Geiger for his dedication and service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MCCOWNGORDON CONSTRUCTION

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, today I proudly rise to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of McCownGordon Construction and its numerous contributions to the Kansas City community. As a significant cornerstone of the community, I am truly honored to have this establishment in the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri.

McCownGordon Construction began as an idea between two friends and eventual co-founders, Pat McCown and Brett Gordon, who dreamed of starting their own construction company. Their main priority was to create a workplace that would prioritize their employees, better serve their clients, and give back to the community. They made this dream a reality through dedication, perseverance, and hard work in July of 1999. During the labor shortage of recent years when many construction companies struggled to find employees, McCownGordon Construction managed to endure by investing in the development of its team. The business tripled its training budget in order to be prepared for business growth when the economy bounced back. Due to this training initiative, McCownGordon is consistently

hiring qualified and strong candidates in order to continue providing the best for its clients.

In 2013, McCownGordon Construction was named Business Philanthropist of the Year by Nonprofit Connect because of its consistent commitment to giving back to Kansas City. The company devotes at least 10 percent of net profits to worthy causes in the communities it serves. The company's craftsmanship and involvement in the Ronald McDonald Longfellow House aided in providing temporary housing for families with sick children receiving medical treatment. Along with the R.A. Bloch Foundation, McCownGordon collaborated in renovating a portion of the Cancer Survivor's Park as well. Multiple projects for one of Kansas City's treasures, the NelsonAtkins Museum of Art, have also been completed by McCownGordon Construction. Thousands of visitors and Kansas City natives can view priceless and rare works of art in the newly renovated exhibits. Beautiful places like these are preserved and enjoyed by many because of the unwavering support of companies like McCownGordon Construction. These contributions and collaborations demonstrate how McCownGordon Construction has proven to be an invaluable part of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District.

Today, McCownGordon Construction employs around 400 staff, all of whom contribute to the company in various ways. Construction workers, architects, management, and administrative staff all work together in order to create meaningful projects and buildings. McCownGordon is entirely employee-owned, so all employees have a stake through the Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The company's innovative and ambitious vision for the future and for the community drives McCownGordon Construction's success. McCownGordon sets itself apart by focusing on growing positive relationships between employees and clients, while adhering to its core values. The company's positive and communicative workplace environment prompted it to be named one of the best places to work by Fortune, the Kansas City Business Journal, and others.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring McCownGordon Construction and its employees for their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to their community. Together, they have made it possible to achieve this monumental twentieth anniversary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. WILL HURD

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. HURD of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes due to travel.

Had I been present, I would have voted yea on Roll Call No. 610, and yea on Roll Call No. 611.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM J. "BILLY" MCCOY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of William J. "Billy" McCoy, who passed away on Tuesday, November 12, at the age of 77.

Billy was an honorable public servant, serving as Speaker of the House for the Mississippi House of Representatives for many years. As Speaker, Billy contributed to significant legislation that revolutionized the economy of our State. He was the champion of the 1987 infrastructure plan that established a four-lane highway system across Mississippi, which brought more businesses into the State that created thousands of jobs for Mississippians. Billy is directly responsible for bettering the lives of thousands of people.

Billy was respected by all lawmakers across the aisle as he lived his life true to Jesus' words: "love thy neighbor as thyself." Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Edith, his two children, Sam and Kim, as well as all of the people who had the pleasure of working with him. Billy's life was one of service, grace, and love for his community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING MICHAEL MERY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of West Marin community leader Michael Mery, who passed away on September 28, 2019, at the age of 80, after a lifetime of service.

Mr. Mery was raised in Inverness, where his family ran the post office, and he attended local schools through his graduation from Drake High School. As a youth, he spent many days exploring Tomales Bay and the area that would become the Point Reyes National Seashore. The experiences left him with a lifelong love for the region's natural beauty and rural character.

Mr. Mery was a deeply rooted advocate for his beloved West Marin community and lived in Point Reyes Station at the time of his passing. He was instrumental in the creation of the West Marin Fund and a key figure in the creation of the fund's community grants and Giving Through Youth programs. The community grants program has disbursed nearly \$3 million to local nonprofits thanks in large part to Michael's vision and leadership. The Giving Through Youth program was a particular passion of his; the program teaches local students how to research organizations for grant opportunities.

Michael's activism served to sustain and nurture the agricultural community he called home for most of his life. He worked variously as a carpenter and as an organizer with the International Development Exchange, and ably brought his life experiences to bear as a devoted advocate for economic and social justice. He helped launch the West Marin Clinic

and the Tomales Bay Watershed Council, among other organizations dedicated to the health and well-being of West Marin's residents and natural wonders.

Mr. Mery's passing leaves some very big shoes to fill, but thanks to his commitment to youth empowerment, a new generation of West Marin youth have come to the fore to bring his community message into the 21st Century. Michael is survived by Connie, his wife of 35 years, his sister Megan, and numerous stepchildren, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Madam Speaker, the depth of Mr. Mery's service to his community has left a positive legacy across Marin County. He will be profoundly missed. It is therefore appropriate that we pay tribute to him today and honor his memory.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS GOYETTE
FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CON-
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Thomas Goyette of Butte, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Goyette is a veteran of the United States Navy. He served from 1967 to 1970 during the Vietnam War earning the National Defense Service Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Award and RVN Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and attained the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class.

Serving his community as a volunteer for the American Legion, his local VFW and the United Veterans Council, Mr. Goyette has dedicated in his life to helping others. He's spent more than 20 years serving rural communities working as a registered nurse and volunteering with the local ambulance services. It's hard to find a rural community Mr. Goyette hasn't volunteered in. He's also provided many hours in continuing education services for ambulance crews around the state of Montana.

Mr. Goyette also has been the coordinator for his local Honor Guard for several years where he communicates with funeral directors and personnel to make sure fallen officers and retired officers are given the respect they deserve.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Thomas Goyette for his dedication and service.

IN HONOR OF ROGER PENSKE

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a man who has achieved greatness in motorsports, business, and in his community. On October 24th, Roger Penske

was awarded the highest honor a civilian can receive, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. This award is not given lightly. According to the White House, to receive such an honor one must either contribute "to the security or national interests of the United States, world peace, cultural or significant public or private endeavors." It is fair to say, that Mr. Penske has done much in his life to grow his community into a better place and his business into the global industry leader it is today.

Mr. Penske has had significant success in both auto racing and business for more than 50 years. After forming his own auto racing team in 1965, Team Penske has won over 500 races and 36 national championships. The team's most recent wins include the 2018 NASCAR championship and 2019 Indianapolis 500, which marks a record breaking 18 Indianapolis 500 victories for a team owner.

Since starting his own car dealership in 1969, Penske Corporation has expanded into a company that generates \$32 billion in revenues and employs approximately 64,000 people. However, Mr. Penske is not only a man with a mind for business, he is also a man with a generous heart. In 2005 he was named Michiganian of the Year after vowing to spend \$35 million, in order to revive and restore neighborhoods in Detroit. Just as Penske Corporation is an exceptional example of a great American business, so also is Roger Penske an outstanding example of an American citizen. Our country is fortunate to have Roger Penske as a role model for generations to come. I offer Mr. Penske my sincere congratulations on this prestigious honor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on November 12, 2019 for Roll Call Vote 610 and Roll Call Vote 611. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote 610 and Yea on Roll Call Vote 611.

CONGRATULATING THE HELIAS
CATHOLIC CRUSADERS SOFT-
BALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE
2019 MISSOURI CLASS III STATE
SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Helias Catholic Crusaders softball team for winning the 2019 Missouri Class III State Softball Championship.

This is Helias Catholic's third state championship in the history of their softball program. This team and Coach Chris Wyrick should be commended for their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Helias Catholic Crusaders team for a job well done.

RECOGNIZING DALE LONGFELLOW
FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CON-
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dale Longfellow of Hobson, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Mr. Longfellow is a veteran of the United States Navy. He served from 1961 to 1964 with distinction on the USS Coral Sea CV 43 aircraft carrier. During his enlistment Dale earned nominations to the United States Naval Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy and attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class.

Mr. Longfellow has served his community in many ways. As a volunteer emergency medical technician, as mayor of Hobson, and as a dynamic businessman who for many years employed numerous people in the community.

Mr. Longfellow is known as the person you go to for advice and the one you call if you're in a crisis. Those who know Mr. Longfellow use words like upright, moral and compassionate to describe him. He is a role model to his children and everyone else in his community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Dale Longfellow for his dedication and service.

VA OVERPAYMENT
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Tennessee and my good friend from California for their leadership of our Veterans' Affairs Committee. They are a dynamic duo.

Their visits to Little Rock, Arkansas, both as Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, gave local Arkansans a direct voice to leaders in Congress to discuss many of the issues they deal with on a daily basis.

It was a pleasure to host them, and the accessibility they have shown to hear from people in Arkansas and across the Nation speaks to the type of leadership both provide atop the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

I appreciate their kind words about Arkansas and my veterans team in the district, which works tirelessly to ensure the brave men and women who serve in our armed forces receive the benefits and care they deserve.

I appreciate the opportunity to be on the floor to be in support of this list of good bills tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I particularly want to thank my friend from New Jersey, Mr. KIM, for his hard work and collaboration on this important bill for our veterans.

Mr. Speaker, in the last 5 years I have served in this House, I have had over 3,200 cases completed and closed for veterans in my district.

As a former community banker, when I look at those cases and I listen to these stories, this too often is a challenge for our veterans. It is a crazy challenge. Mr. Speaker, that withholding a payment can have severe consequences for our brave veterans who are out there just doing their job, through no fault of their own and through a computer mess up or an IT problem, our veterans receive an overpayment and then suddenly get a letter a few weeks later saying, "Oh, hey, we made a mistake. You owe us \$5,000 back."

Well, the normal American, Mr. Speaker, doesn't have that kind of financial planning expertise, and relies on the quality of our VA services to not make mistakes like that.

So, it is a pleasure to work with Mr. KIM on this measure to try to improve that situation and answer the IG's own report at the VA that this is a serious problem affecting over 1.5 million veterans.

This bill tries to tackle this issue by improving Veterans Administration IT systems, which are often the cause of this challenge, and offers veterans that unknowingly are forced to go without their earned benefits for extended periods of time some recourse on being a victim of an overpayment and have their credit impaired.

I am proud to represent veterans from Camp Robinson and Little Rock Air Force Base in our central Arkansas area. I am proud to work on something that rectifies a common problem across this country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from New Jersey for his work and for the leadership of the committee for bringing this bill to the House floor.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, I was unable to be in Washington and missed roll call votes. On Roll Call No. 610 on the passage of H.R. 4162, the "GI Planning Bill Act of 2019," had I been present, I would have voted Aye. On Roll Call No. 611 on the passage of H.R. 3224, "To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans," had I been present, I would have voted Aye.

RECOGNIZING McMILLAN ELEMENTARY AS AN AWARDEE OF THE NATIONAL BLUE-RIBBON

HON. BEN MCADAMS

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, parents, teachers and students in the Murray City School District are celebrating the 2019 National Blue-Ribbon Schools award to McMillan

Elementary School. This award brings public attention to the best schools in America. Fittingly, it was the brainchild of a former Utah Commissioner of Higher Education—Terrel H. Bell—who served as Education Secretary under President Ronald Reagan. Dr. Bell believed that through the real action of teaching and learning, families and educators could work together to articulate a vision of excellence. He believed that by holding everyone to high standards, local schools could become the best at preparing their students for academic success.

The 498 students of McMillan Elementary, their teachers, Principal Joy Sanford, and parents, have risen to the challenge. The school is named for a family who formerly owned the property around the school. It is the only school in the Murray School District to be named after a local family. Education is vitally important to this community. Home to the Murray District Gifted and Talented Program, McMillan Elementary held its first Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Night, featuring local business professionals who spoke about rewarding careers in those fields.

Public schools nominated for the National Blue-Ribbon Schools award must be top-performers in the state on English and math assessments and must meet their state's performance targets such as attendance and graduation rates for all student groups. The National Blue-Ribbon School award acknowledges and validates the hard work of students, educators, families and communities. McMillan Elementary now serves as a model of effective school practices. Others will look to them for how to achieve academic success. Dr. Bell would be very proud. Principal Sanford should be very proud. Everyone associated with education in Utah salutes McMillan Elementary School's success and congratulates them on receiving this prestigious award.

RECOGNIZING JUSTIN MADILL FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justin Madill of Great Falls, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and leadership in his community.

Dr. Madill served in the United States Army from 2004 to 2013 as a member of the medical corps attaining the rank of Major. He is a veteran of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade for Operation Enduring Freedom where he earned the Air Medal with Valor Device, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

While serving in Afghanistan during the Battle of Want, Dr. Madill extracted the wounded Staff Sergeant General Ryan Pitts on July 13, 2008. Staff Sergeant General Pitts was later the recipient of the Medal of Honor for his actions. Dr. Madill was a guest of the President of the United States at the Medal of Honor ceremony.

Since returning to Montana, Dr. Madill works as an emergency physician in Great Falls

where he's delivered care to thousands of Montanans. He continues to create special bonds with his patients both veteran and non-veteran where he receives numerous thank you cards for his care and compassion.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Justin Madill for his dedication and service.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WOMEN WHO WORKED ON THE HOME FRONT WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Women Who Worked on the Home Front World War II Memorial Act, which would authorize the establishment of a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia commemorating the efforts of the 18 million American women who kept the home front running during World War II. Women are dramatically underrepresented in our memorials.

A 17-year-old constituent, Raya Kenney, the founder of the non-profit Women Who Worked on the Home Front Foundation, came up with the idea to honor the women on the home front who supported the World War II effort. Raya wondered why the women on the home front, whose efforts were so instrumental in maintaining the stability of the country during World War II, have not received much recognition for their contributions, compared to the men who fought bravely in World War II. This bill would authorize the Women Who Worked on the Home Front Foundation to establish the memorial to honor these women. The memorial is designed to be interactive and to educate visitors on the important roles women played during World War II.

Between 1940 and 1945, the percentage of women in the workforce increased from 27 percent to nearly 37 percent, and by 1945 one in four married women worked outside of the home. The work done by women on the home front opened doors for women in the workplace generally and had a profound effect on the job market going forward. As a result of their efforts, women on the home front redefined many occupations that were previously considered "men's work."

Just as women were working on the home front, many played critical roles in support of the war effort. More than 10,000 women served behind the scenes of World War II as codebreakers. Due to the classified nature of their work, they did not receive recognition for their tireless efforts until recently. Women were also trained to fly military aircraft so male pilots could leave for combat duty overseas. More than 1,100 female civilian volunteers flew nearly every type of military aircraft as part of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program. WASP flew planes from factories to bases, transported cargo and participated in simulation strafing and target missions. These women were not given full military status until 1977, and it was not until 2010 that they were recognized with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Women have largely been ignored in the memorials on federal land in the nation's capital, even though they played a key role in

World War II. Millions of American women took jobs to support their families and the country at large during World War II, redefining what “women’s work” looks like. In light of these contributions, it is important that women who worked on the home front be properly recognized in the nation’s capital.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, during the 5th annual National Apprenticeship Week, I recognize the success of the Registered Apprenticeship system, which has been the model workforce development policy in the United States for over eight decades.

Over the next decade, 45 percent of all jobs will require more than a high school diploma, but won’t necessitate a bachelor’s degree. Registered Apprenticeship programs hold the key to preparing a new wave of working people for these jobs and ensuring all people have the adequate resources for economic stability. The Registered Apprenticeship program model has proven success in skilled trades and service industries for both workers and employers, with every dollar invested in a craft apprenticeship yielding up to \$3 in return for employers.

My state of Wisconsin has been a leader in Apprenticeship training since 1911, when we established the nation’s first apprenticeship law. That first year, Wisconsin had 625 apprentices, and its state law became a model for the National Apprenticeship Act in 1937—the first federal apprenticeship law. Building on a century of success, Wisconsin now has over 11,000 active apprentices and 2,500 employers in construction, industrial trades, utilities, healthcare, service trades, and IT.

Congress should continue to build on the Registered Apprenticeship system to extend workforce training opportunities to more workers—especially women, people of color, and those from disadvantaged communities. Congress should also seek to integrate apprenticeship readiness programs, secondary and post-secondary education systems, and support services to ensure that more workers and employers can participate successfully in Registered Apprenticeships. Most importantly, Congress must uphold the strong standards for Registered Apprenticeship so that apprentices have confidence that they will have their rights protected and receive transferable, nationally recognized credentials.

COMMEMORATING THE NAMING CEREMONY OF OCUSOFT’S BERNARD T. HALLORAN BUILDING

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate OCuSoft’s dedication of their new building in the name of their co-founder, Bernard T. Halloran.

Thirty years ago, Bernard, alongside Nat Adkins and Cynthia Barrett, helped form OCuSoft, a ground-breaking company in my district specializing in the research, development and supply of skin and eye care products. They are a pioneer in their field, innovating many new products including the first commercially available eyelid cleanser.

Mr. Halloran embodies everything that’s great about America—entrepreneurship, innovation and job creation. It’s inspiring to think about all the advances that will take place within the building bearing his name in the years to come.

I had the pleasure of speaking at the dedication ceremony, where I asked who was in favor of naming the new building after Bernard.

Needless to say, the “EYES” had it.

Congratulations to OCuSoft and Bernard T. Halloran on this tremendous achievement.

IN RECOGNITION OF DALE DANIELS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dale Daniels as she is honored by the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education (Chhange) at its 2019 Testimonial Dinner. Ms. Daniels’ exemplary leadership and contributions to Chhange are truly deserving of this body’s recognition.

Since 1979, the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights & Genocide Education has striven to educate the public, eradicate prejudice and serve as a resource to the community on Holocaust, genocide and other human rights issues. Its efforts to bring attention to human and civil rights violations and to honor the victims and survivors of genocide are truly commendable. Ms. Daniels’ nearly 25 years of service to Chhange are indicative of her dedication to the organization and its mission to create change.

Joining Chhange (then the Center for Holocaust Studies) as a volunteer in 1995 after hearing a Holocaust survivor’s story, Dale Daniels quickly found her passion. Soon after, she served as a member of the Board of Directors and an interviewer for the Survivors of the Shoah Foundation. In 2000, Ms. Daniels became the first Executive Director of the organization, and under her leadership, Chhange has grown immensely and expanded its programs and outreach.

With her direction, Chhange has produced exhibits, books, films and installations that educate and engage the public while paying tribute to the victims. It has also created and maintains the first and only Holocaust and genocide archives in New Jersey and offers training for law enforcement, clergy and juvenile hate crime offenders. Its work with schools, organizations and communities enable individuals to better understand historical and present-day atrocities and human rights abuses and foster a more tolerant and inclusive society. Ms. Daniels’ vision and connection to the issues she promotes have made Chhange an invaluable resource that has an extraordinary impact on the community.

Madam Speaker, please join me in leading this body in recognition of Dale Daniels for her tireless dedication and advocacy.

RECOGNIZING ADELINE MITCHELL FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CON- GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM- MENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adeline Mitchell of Glasgow for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for her service to her country and community.

Ms. Mitchell is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in World War II. She has decades of service in the community, and has exemplified the term, “the greatest generation” with her patriotism.

Following her time in the Navy, Ms. Mitchell dedicated her time to supporting veterans through the VFW Auxiliary for 76 years and to the American Legion Auxiliary for 72 years. During her time, she volunteered in various veteran’s homes and Fort Harrison. Ms. Mitchell also volunteered at the local Ronald McDonald House and local group homes as well as with the Head Start program.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Adeline Mitchell for her service to her country and her community.

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, as a co-chair of the Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus, I’m pleased to recognize the fifth annual National Apprenticeship Week.

For over 80 years, the Registered Apprenticeship system has helped train the next generation of skilled workers. By combining paid on-the-job training with related classroom instruction, apprenticeships allow students to earn while they learn, preparing them for high-skill, high-paying jobs in in-demand industries.

This model has been particularly successful in the building trades, which have used registered apprenticeships to train their skilled workforce for decades. Moving forward, as we make investments to rebuild our nation’s infrastructure, it will be even more important to support registered apprenticeships in the building trades and other related industries.

I’m a proud cosponsor of Congressman POCAN’s legislation, the Leveraging Effective Apprenticeships to Rebuild National Skills Act, which would establish a national apprenticeship advisory council and support the development of pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs that lead to postsecondary degrees.

In my home state of Rhode Island, apprenticeships culminating in postsecondary degrees are very successful. At Quonset Point, Electric Boat operates an apprenticeship program in partnership with the Community College of Rhode Island. Electric Boat apprentices training in the maritime pipe and structural trades will finish the program with both a certificate and an Associate’s degree, ready for a high-paying career.

Apprenticeships are crucial workforce development tools that yield positive returns for students, workers, and businesses alike, and I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to continue supporting these programs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast votes on the following legislative measures. If I were present for roll call votes, I would have voted "Aye" for the following votes:

Roll Call 610, November 12, 2019: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 4162, GI Bill Planning Act of 2019.

Roll Call 611, November 12, 2019: On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 3224, Deborah Sampson Act.

CONGRATULATING DR. ANDREW REISMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Andrew Reisman, a fellow Gainesville resident and my dear friend, for being sworn into office as President of the Medical Association of Georgia.

As President of the Medical Association of Georgia, Dr. Reisman will serve his fellow physicians, patients, and the state of Georgia by working to enhance patient care and the health of the public by advancing the art and science of medicine and by representing physicians and patients in the policy making process.

Upon being sworn in for his one-year term as president, Dr. Reisman remarked he plans to focus on tort reform, surprise medical bills, the "data entry crisis" and scope of practice, ultimately working to ensure Georgians have access to the care they need.

As a family physician with the Longstreet Clinic in Oakwood, Georgia, Dr. Reisman has served our community since 1996. He is the third-ever doctor from Hall County to serve as President of the Medical Association of Georgia.

Dr. Reisman previously served as Secretary for the Medical Association of Georgia. He is also a member of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the Hall County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Reisman has a medical degree from the University of Miami and completed his residency at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Reisman has dedicated his career to bettering the lives of his patients and bettering the greater medical community as a whole. On behalf of the people of Northeast Georgia, I

want to commend my good friend for his remarkable work and congratulate him on being sworn in as President of the Medical Association of Georgia.

RECOGNIZING QUINTIN STEPHEN-HASSARD FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Quintin Stephen-Hassard of Dillon for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his country and his service in the community.

Mr. Stephen-Hassard is a U.S. Navy veteran and served in Vietnam. Mr. Stephen-Hassard received multiple commendations during his time in the Navy including the National Defense Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V device.

Mr. Stephen-Hassard has been a leader in the American Legion Beaverhead Post 20, including leading the research and development of the new Veterans Monument to replace one destroyed in a storm. He serves on the color and honor guard for public event and works with the Legion Community Hospital Equipment Loan Program. Mr. Stephen-Hassard also presents a year-long Ocean Science Program in the community.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Quintin Stephen-Hassard for his service to his country and community.

CELEBRATING POLAND'S HISTORIC DEMOCRATIC BREAKTHROUGH

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, today we continue celebrating Poland's historic democratic breakthrough 30 years ago that led to its matriculation from dictatorship to democracy.

Today, we honor the bravery, tenacity, discipline and innate goodness of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Lech Walesa and Solidarity.

Some time ago, I read Lech Walesa's powerful and riveting autobiography, "A Way of Hope." Filled with insight and brutally honest, the book walks the reader through a series of volatile events—personal and public—that have literally transformed the world.

In the book, we get a glimpse into Lech Walesa's deep faith—and the role his beloved mother, and her Catholic beliefs had on him; "Neighbors came to our house to say the rosary," he tells us in the book. The book is filled with remembrances of family—and his love for his wife.

On leadership he tells us: "I've never wished or prepared for a leadership role: paradoxically, it's because I never really wanted it, absorbed as I was by quite different concerns, different problems which needed solving, that I found myself out in front, leading the others—'leading the flock,' I call it with a smile."

He tells us of the strike of 1970. "All we wanted was to free our fellow workers, we wanted no violence." And that his worst fears were realized: "Poles had fired against Poles."

In the chapter "The Strike and the August Agreement" he tells us how the movement had matured:

"Until then I had been talking, bluffing, playing 'on credit.' Although we pretended to be holding all the high cards, our opponents knew our game inside out, they'd been playing against us for years! But what they didn't know was the nature of our very last card: the determination that had been maturing for ten years now, since the death of three of our colleagues right in front of the second entrance to the shipyard."

When His Holiness Pope John Paul II made his historic trip to his homeland in 1979, he counseled his flock and his country men and women, "Be Not Afraid." But Lech Walesa gave us additional insight into how Solidarity and Pope John Paul II were "inextricably bound together" and how it almost ended in 1981:

"It was in Japan that we heard of the dramatic attempt on the Pope's life. The news broke in the middle of the night May 13-14, 1981. We were in my hotel room in Nagasaki, discussing the events of the day, and our visit the next day to the museum set up in memory of the victims of the atomic bomb. The first news flash was terrifying: the Pope was dead! The next news flash retracted it: no, the Pope was still alive, he was fighting for his life. I was overcome by a feeling of immense loneliness; the whole world seemed to have turned upside down; with our lodestar gone, some of us were wandering in a wilderness without hope. The tragedy of the Polish Pope was also the tragedy of Poland and of Solidarity: they were inextricably bound together; this was just the beginning. Then the news changed, became less alarming; there was still hope."

In his chapter "Martial Law," Lech Walesa tells us how they decided that if the militia invaded the shipyard during the night, they decided on passive resistance: "Our greatest strength is precisely our weakness—our living bodies and empty hands confronting tanks and nightsticks."

His wife Danuta writes in the book how she was discouraged when he was locked up during martial law but "he seemed rather pleasant, . . . we had to be dignified about it all, become even in a place like this, we still had the upper hand; we not they were making history."

By 1989, Solidarity leaders sat across the table from General Jaruzelski, the same General who had imposed martial law in 1981. And they negotiated what had seemed to most of the world impossible: the peaceful transition from communism to free and fair elections. In August of 1989, less than a decade after the Gdansk shipyard strikes that gave birth to Solidarity, Poland would elect its first non-communist Prime Minister since the communist takeover.

Then Lech Walesa himself became President.

Lech Walesa tells us in the book that in his school years "history was my weak point."

Studying history does not matter when you are the one who makes history by bringing freedom, respect for human rights, and enduring democracy not only to your own country, but many other nations as well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 610, and YEA on Roll Call No. 611.

**RECOGNIZING HAROLD RIENSCHÉ
FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CON-
GRESSIONAL VETERAN COM-
MENDATION**

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Harold Riensché Senior of Reed Point, a recipient of the 2019 Montana Congressional Veteran Commendation for his service to his county and leadership in his community.

Mr. Riensché is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He is a Vietnam veteran who served in the 3rd Tank Battalion, 3rd Marine Division earning awards like the Navy Cross, and attaining the rank of Master Gun-nery Sergeant.

During the Vietnam War, Mr. Riensché and his crew were assigned to recover a disabled tank. During this mission, their vehicle detonated a mine. While repairing their vehicle, the Marines came under heavy fire. In an instant, two of Staff Sergeant Riensché's crew were killed and two others were wounded leaving him alone to defend his injured crew and damaged vehicle. With the help of a few grenades and unmatched bravery, Mr. Riensché was able to fight off the Northern Vietnamese soldiers by himself until backup arrived. His quick action and heroism saved the lives of his two fellow Marines.

After completing his military service, Mr. Riensché served as a member of the Still-water County Weed control Board and President of the local community landowner's association. His friends and neighbors say Mr. Riensché never hesitates to help when asked upon.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending Harold Riensché Senior for his dedication and service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAN BISHOP

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, during the flurry of votes on November 12, 2019, I was recorded as voting YEA on Roll Call No. 610. On the following vote, I was listed as NOT VOTING on Roll Call No. 611 despite being present due to a misunderstanding. Had this issue not occurred, I voted, and it properly recorded, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 611.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 19

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 1087, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make changes with respect to water quality certification, and state perspectives on other potential reforms to the implementation of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

SD-406

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine securing the United States research enterprise from China's talent recruitment plans.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

SD-226

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment to examine the importance of the Open Skies Treaty.

RHOB-2172

NOVEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense audit.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and David Carey Woll, Jr., of Connecticut, and John Bobbitt, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the De-

partment of Housing and Urban Development, and Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine highly automated vehicles, focusing on Federal perspectives on the deployment of safety technology.

SH-216

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-430

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's awareness, focusing on barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and care coordination.

SD-215

2:15 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine connecting more people to work.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine honoring a nation's promise to Native veterans, including S. 1001, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and S. 2365, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities.

SD-628

DECEMBER 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine testimony from the Government Accountability Office on privatized housing findings to include responses from the military services on ongoing reports of sub-standard housing conditions and services.

SD-G50

DECEMBER 4

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine testimony about servicemember, family, and veteran suicides and prevention strategies.

SR-222

POSTPONEMENTS

NOVEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To receive a closed briefing on Navy aircraft carrier survivability.

SVC-217